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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE - COMMITTEE I - DEVELOPMENT

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COMMITTEE I REVIEWED AND APPROVED ITS DRAFT REPORT TO THE PLENARY. THE REPORT SUPPORTS US POSITIONS ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS AS THEY RELATE TO POPULATION. IT EXPRESSES CONCERN FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF GROWTH, FOR FAMILY PLANNING, AS A HUMAN RIGHT AND A HEALTH MEASURE, CALLS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND FOR MORE ATTENTION TO POPULATION GROWTH IN THE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PROCESS.

NINE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE BY THE COMMITTEE AND FORWARDED TO THE PLENARY FOR ACTION. THEY RELATE TO: (I) PROBLEMS OF RURAL AREAS; (II) DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH; (III) THE AGING; (IV) CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND DUTIES; (V) STATUS OF WOMEN; (VI) ROMANIA'S RESOLUTION " FOR A MORE JUST WORLD" (SEE BUCHAREST 3779); (VII)

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RESEARCH ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES; (VIII) WORLD

FOOD CONFERENCE; AND (IX) RESOURCES.

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF NINE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE I
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE

I. (PROBLEMS OF RURAL AREAS) RECOMMENDS:

1. TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INWORKING OUT A POLICY OF SOCIAL
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THAT THEY GIVE PREFERENTIAL ATTENTION TO
THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THAT THEY SHOULD CARRY OUT IN RURAL AREAS INTENSIVE
PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPROVEMENT, WITH APPROPRIATE
TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT, AIMED AT ACHIEVING A DIVERSIFIED
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD INCREASE AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT
AND INCOME FOR THE INHABITANTS, PROMOTE HIGHER LEVELS OF EDUCATION,
PERMIT AN EFFECTIVE EXPANSION OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ENTAIL MEASURES
FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE CONSERVATION OF
AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES, THUS ENSURING A BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN RURAL
AND URBAN LIVING CONDITIONS;

(B) THAT FOR THOSE PURPOSES THEY SHOULD ADOPT AND INTENSIFY PROGRAMMES

OF AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONDUCIVE TO THE CREATION
OF APPROPRIATE SYSTEMS OF LAND TENURE AND OF ORGANIZING PRODUCTION
AND MARKETING IN KEEPING WITH THE CHARECTERISTICS OF EACH COUNTRY;

(C) THAT THEY SHOULD PROMOTE RURAL PROGRAMMES DESIGNED TO
CONCENTRATE THE INHABITANTS OF SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS IN
EFFICIENT AND ACCESSIBLE UNITS OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION FOR
WHICH BASIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO RAISE
WELFARE AND PRODUCTIVITY COULD BE PROVIDED;

(D) THAT THEY SHOULD EXTEND, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SOCIAL
WELFARE PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES TO RURAL AREAS AND, THROUGH THE
HEALTH AND EDUCATION SERVICES, THE GUIDANCE AND SERVICES NECES-
SARY SO THAT THE POPULATION OF SUCH AREAS MAY BE IN A POSITION TO
DECIDE ON THE NUMBER AND SPACING OF THEIR CHILDREN;
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(E) THAT TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS BE
ADAPTED TO THE NEEDS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND NOT BE CENTERED ON A
MODEL OF URBAN CIVILIZATION;

(F) THAT THEY SHOULD INTRODUCE INCREASINGLY IN RURAL AREAS
INDUSTRIES FOR THE PROCESSING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND OTHER
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING REGUALR EMPLOY-

MENT FOR THE RURAL POPULATION AND RAISING THE LEVELS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING;

(G) THAT THEY SHOULD PROMOTE SETTLEMENT IN THOSE RURAL AREAS WHICH ARE ABLE AND WILLING TO RECEIVE POPULATION, WITH A VIEW TO RELIEVING POPULATION PRESSURE IN AREAS OR COUNTRIES WHICH FIND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ABSORPTION OF THEIR LABOUR FORCES DIFFICULT;

(H) THAT THEY SHOULD CARRY OUT STUDIES ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POPULATION CHANGES AND CHANGES IN RURAL CONDITIONS, IN DIFFERENT SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONTEXTS;

2. TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY:

(A) THAT IT SHOULD INTENSIFY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE PROGRAMMES BY PROVIDING KNOW-HOW AND TECHNOLOGY AS WELL AS LONG-TERM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE;

(B) THAT IT SHOULD COLLABORATE CLOSELY TO CREATE, DURING THE FORTHCOMING WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, THE BASES FOR CARRYING OUT COHERENT

AND EFFECTIVE PROGRAMMES TO RAISE AGRICULTUREAL PRODUCTION IN ORDER TO MEET THE GROWING FOOD CONSUMPTION DEMANDS FOR FOOD FORECAST BY DEMOGRAPHIC PROJECTIONS AND THE NEED TO RAISE NUTRITION LEVELS;

3. TO GOVERNMENTS: THAT THEY SHOULD, IN COOPERATION WITH RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, AND IN PARTICULAR FAO AND UNDP, CREATE NEW PRODUCTION AREAS SO THAT A BETTER INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTION AND DECONCENTRATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY CAN BE REACHED AND MORE BASIC FOOD CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE AT REASONABLE PRICES FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN NEED.

4. TO THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES: THAT THEY SHOULD CARRY OUT, AS UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE, POLICIES OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO STIMULATE THE REPOPULATION OF RURAL AREAS AFFECTED BY MAJOR LABOUR-FORCE MIGRATION TO LABOUR CENTRES;

5. TO THE COMPETENT BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS: THAT IN THE REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE THEY SHOULD PAY DUE ATTENTION TO THE NEED FURTHER TO ENCOURAGE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION,

ESPECIALLY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

II. (DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH)

1. WELCOMES THE EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN SO FAR IN THESE FIELDS BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, FOR INSTANCE THE PROGRAMME OF RESEARCH ON HUMAN REPRODUCTION UNDERTAKEN BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

AND THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANI-
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2. CALLS ON THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NATIONAL RESEARCH ORGANI-
ZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS TO CONTINUE AND TO EXPAND THEIR RESEARCH
OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE IN ORDER TO
FACILITATE INTEGRATED ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THESE
PROBLEMS.

3. CALLS ON THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES TO ASSIST IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS RESEARCH TALENT AND INSTITUTIONS WITHIN
THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES.

4. CALLS ON ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO COOPERATE
WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THESE ENDEAVOURS AND TO EXTEND

ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE ACCORDING TO THEIR CAPACITY.

III. (THE AGING)

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GREAT IMPORTANCE SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE PHENOMENON OF AGEING. OWING TO THE DECLINE IN FERTILITY AND POSSIBLE MEDICAL PROGRESS AGAINST CANCER AND THE OTHER DISEASES OF OLD AGE, AGING WILL SOONER OR LATER AFFECT ALL NATIONS MORE OR LESS INTENSELY. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO STUDY CAREFULLY THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES AND THE REPERCUSSIONS ON MORALE, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS SENSE OF VITALITY AND PROGRESSMINDEDNESS.

LIKewise, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL THAT EXISTS IN THE DEVELOPING AREAS OF THE WORLD WHICH ARE CHARACTERIZED BY A HIGH PROPORTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

IV. (CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND DUTIES)

RECOMMENDS

THAT GOVERNMENTS MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD LEND MAXIMUM SUPPORT TO THE FORMULATION OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TWENTY-NINTH SESSION, AS A MEANS OF CONTRIBUTING EFFECTIVELY TO THE CREATION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION.

V. (STATUS OF WOMEN)

URGES COUNTRIES;

- TO ELIMINATE ALL SOCIAL PRACTICES AND LEGISLATIVE MEASURES WHICH DISCRIMINATE ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX;
- TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL LIFE TO ENSURE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN AND WOMEN;
- TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC LIFE;
- TO INTEGRATE WOMEN IN THE PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF DEVELOPMENT POLICIES;
- TO AIM AT THE EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AND MEN IN ALL

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POLICY MAKING AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES.

VI. (ROMANIA'S RESOLUTION "FOR A MORE JUST WORLD") SEE BUCHAREST 3779.

VII. (RESEARCH ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES)

RECOMMENDS

1. THAT MEMBER STATES, THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES INTENSIFY RESEARCH ON THE IMPACT OF DIFFERENT COMBINATIONS OF COMPONENTS OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES ON DEMOGRAPHIC BEHAVIOUR AND TRENDS AND, AS SUGGESTED IN THE REPORT OF THE CAIRO SYMPOSIUM, ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF POPULATION TRENDS ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL VARIABLES.

2. THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN FORMULATING THEIR DEVELOPMENT POLICIES ACCORD PRIORITIES TO PROGRAMMES THAT MAXIMIZE SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRESS THUS AFFECTING DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS IN THE MANNER DESIRED.

3. THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ENHANCE ITS ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF DEVELOPMENT SO AS TO ACCELERATE DEVELOPMENT AND THE DESIRED DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE.

4. THAT, IN PARTICULAR, INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD ALLOW FOR GREATER ALLOCATIONS TO EDUCATION AND TO VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SINCE EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS CAN GREATLY ACCELERATE SOCIAL CHANGES IN SUCH COUNTRIES.

5. THAT THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SHOULD ASSIST COUNTRIES IN BUILDING UP THEIR SOCIAL AND HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND SHOULD PROMOTE ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF FAMILY PLANNING, INTEGRATED IN THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PLANNING, TO THOSE COUNTRIES THAT REQUEST IT.

6. THAT THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AS WELL AS OTHER AGENCIES, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THOSE WHICH HAVE IMPORTANT RESOURCES, PROVIDING AID IN THE FIELD OF POPULATION SHOULD DO SO IN CLOSE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH THE OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES.

VIII. (WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE)

(A) URGES ALL GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE UNITED

NATIONS WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE TO BE HELD NEXT NOVEMBER IN ROME, AND GIVER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO GIVING HIGHER PRIORITY IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES TO FOOD PRODUCTION AND FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND DO ALL POSSIBLE TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION AND APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION OF BOTH FOOD AND FERTILIZER IN THE REMAINDER OF 1974 AND THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE DECADE, AND SUPPORT POLICIES THAT WILL IMPROVE THE TERMS OF TRADE FOR FOOD IMPORTING COUNTRIES, AND

(B) RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMPETENT UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES INTENSIFY WORLD FOOD PROGRAMMES IN ORDER TO FORESEE AND REMEDY WORLD FOOD SHORTAGES, AND THAT THEY ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE INTRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND ACCELERATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, DIVERSIFICATION AND PROCESSING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND OF FERTILIZERS.

IX. (RESOURCES)

CONSIDERING THAT A MORE EQUITABLE UTILIZATION OF WORLD RESOURCES IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE IN TRYING TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO WORLD POPULATION PROBLEMS, AND

CONSIDERING THAT SOME COUNTRIES AND GROUPS WITHIN COUNTRIES CONSUME A MARKEDLY DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THESE RESOURCES,

URGES THOSE COUNTRIES AND GROUPS WITHIN COUNTRIES CONSUMING AN EXCESSIVE SHARE OF THE WORLD'S RESOURCES TO TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE THIS DISPROPORTIONATE CONSUMPTION AND THEREBY ASSIST THE GLOBAL EFFORT TO ENSURE A MORE EQUITABLE UTILIZATION OF THESE LIMITED RESOURCES. END QUOTE
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